

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 941 - HB 1657

March 31, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes best practice standards for pole attachment contract negotiations. Authorizes utility boards to hear and resolve disputes over pole attachment contracts. Grants any party aggrieved by the board's finding the right to petition the chancery court for relief. Creates a six member statewide working group to address operational issues and to develop best practice recommendations for utilities. Requires the working group to file an annual report with the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives and with the Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives and the Senate Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Estimate assumes there will not be a significant number of utility districts and telecommunications requiring resolution of disputes in Chancery Court.
- The working group will include two members from each Grand Division. Members will not be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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